

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M.

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. Present were, Chairman Trae Kemp, Commissioners Brenda Chain, Kevin Tanner, Jimmy Rogers, and Jeff Davis, County Administrator Bryan Rogers, and County Attorney Billy Kight. Vice-Chairman Brenda Chain gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item was the approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2019 regular meeting. Vice-Chairman Brenda Chain made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the purchase of 9 Lucas Devises for \$131,667.08. Chairman Trae Kemp introduced EMS Director Terry Cobb to explain the lifesaving abilities of the Lucas device here in Laurens County. The Lucas device is utilized by first responders to preform uninterrupted compressions for someone that is in cardiac arrest. The County had previously purchased 2 devices in 2018 through a grant program. Since the purchase of the previous 2 devices, EMS have tracked deployments of the LUCAS device they have found a 20% increase of return of pulse. Bryan Rogers also introduced Fire Chief Don Bryant who explained how important it was to have these devices available to his responders because there are scenarios where a firefighter my be first on scene by himself and can go ahead and deploy the device himself. Bryan Rogers also explained that these 9 devices will not be paid for through a grant but with SPLOST dollars. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to approve the bid and Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The next item was bid approval of the construction of the EMS Substation at Springdale. The County took bids and three were submitted. Thompson Construction had the low bid of \$147,755. The other bids were from Baggett Construction of \$167,500 and H&H Construction at \$200,000. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the bid of Thompson Construction and Commissioner Kevin Tanner seconded. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve the surplus for eight public works vehicles. Several trucks need to be taken out of service due to being worn out. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve the surplus and Commissioner Jimmy Rogers seconded. All voted in favor.

The next item was to approve surplus of fire engines. The Fire Department have a few fire engines that are no longer being used and need to be taken out of service. The City of Danville has asked to purchased one of the fire engines for \$4500. Commissioner Kevin Tanner made the motion to approve the surplus of the fire engines and Commissioner Trae Kemp seconded. All voted in favor. The commissioners also agreed to sell one of the fire engines to the City of Danville as they have also agreed to having a mutual aid agreement with Laurens County.

The next item was to approve the bid of the W.H. "Bud" Barron Airport hangar roof replacement. The metal roof is the original roof from many years ago and is now leaking and is not repairable. Thompson Construction had a low bid of \$33,940. Baggett Construction came in at \$33,950 and Dublin Industrial did not turn in a bid. Commissioner Jimmy Rogers made the motion to approve the bid and Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded. All voted in favor.

The next item was the Elderly Transit Program which is an initiative by the Regional Commission Area on Aging. The Regional Commission will provide a bus as well as insurance and funding so that qualified members of the Laurens County Senior Center will have transportation to places. The County will not be responsible for funding or liability insurance for this program. The Senior Center will only be responsible for scheduling trips. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to approve the Elderly Transit Program for the Senior Center and Commissioner Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

A citizen had a question about the LUCAS Device. He wanted to know if the device was expandable for different sized people. EMS Director Terry Cobb explained that it can not be used on pediatric patients or if the person is too wide as it is not able to expand

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator Bryan Rogers asked the Board to approve the National Guard's request to be able to utilize the Airport as an evacuation site during hurricanes. Every year the Commissioners supply them a letter approving the request. Commissioner Trae Kemp made the motion to continue to be a certified site for the evacuation site for the National Guard and Brenda Chain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.